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SUBJ: AMIR OF QATAR ON SECURITY COUNCIL MID EAST DEBATE AND
MID EAST SITUATION

1. DURING JAN 11 CONVERSATION, AMIR OF QATAR, SHAYKH KHALIFA
BIN HAMAD AL THANI, TOLD ME THAT PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF SYRIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM'S JAN 7 STOP IN DOHA WAS TO PRESS FOR
GOQ SUPPORT OF AMENDMENT WHICH SYRIANS TO PROPOSE TO SC RESOLUTIONS
ON MID EAST DURING CURRENT SC DEBATE. AMIR DECLINED TO ELABORATE
ON SUBSTANCE OF SYRIAN AMENDMENT. HE SAID HE HAD NOT STUDIED
IT CAREFULLY AS YET, BUT AT FIRST GLANCE IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT
LANGUAGE WAS ONLY MINOR CHANGE IN EXISTING RESOLUTIONS. AMIR
NOTED THAT KHADDAM WAS CLAIMING SAUDI, KUWAITI, JORDANIAN AND
BAHRAINI SUPPORT FOR SARG AMENDMENT, BUT SAID HE HAD NO
"OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION" THAT THIS WAS SO. AS REGARDS GOQ,
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AMIR SPECIFIED THAT HE HAD NOT RPT NOT COMMITTED HIMSELF AND

WOULD NOT UNTIL HE STUDIED LANGUAGE FURTHER. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT FIND LANGUAGE OBJECTIONABLE OR DISRUPTIVE.

2. I RESPONDED THAT US HAD TAKEN CLEAR POSITION AGAINST ANY TAMPERING WITH LANGUAGE OF EXISTING RESOLUTIONS ON MID EAST. I REMINDED KHALIFA THAT USG HAD PUBLICLY DECLARED THAT IT WOULD VETO ANY RESOLUTION WHICH WE BELIEVED WOULD IMPEDE PEACE PROCESS IN ANY WAY, AND URGED THAT HE BEAR OUR VIEWS IN MIND AS HE CONSIDERED GOQ POSITION ON MATTER.

3. AMIR THEN REITERATED HIS STANDARD REFRAIN THAT SADAT WAS KEY ON ARAB SIDE TO MID EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT, AND FOR THAT REASON HE MUST HAVE FULL AND OPEN SUPPORT OF U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES AS WELL AS MODERATE ARABS. I COMMENTED THAT MODERATE ARABS, INCLUDING QATARIS, HAD FAILED TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SUPPORT THAT SADAT NEEDED IN FACE OF SHARP CRITICISM FROM SYRIANS, PALESTINIANS AND OTHERS RE SINAI II. AMIR INSISTED THAT HE SUPPORTED SINAI II, BUT ONLY WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WAS FIRST STAGE OF ADDITIONAL DISENGAGEMENT IN GOLAN. ACCORDING KHALIFA, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT SYRIANS GET SOME MOVEMENT IN GOLAN, IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN TO GET THEM OFF SADATKYS BACK. HE ASSERTED THAT IF THIS WERE NOT DONE SOON SADAT WOULD BECOME INCREASINGLY ISOLATED IN ARAB WORLD, WITH ALL DANGER TO AREA SITUATION AND PEACE SETTLEMENT THAT THIS IMPLIED. I REITERATED THAT IT WAS UP TO AMIR AND OTHER MODERATE ARAB SUPPORTERS OF SADAT TO STAND UP TO RADICALS WHO, WHETHER BY DESIGN OR NOT, WEGY IMPEDING AND DAMAGING PROSPECTS FOR PEACE. PAGANELLI

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